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WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT!

GOLIATH IS HEALING. MAGGIE IS FINE.
THE CLONES HAVE CHOSEN GOOD OVER EVIL--
ALL EXCEPT BRENTWOOD...
-- AND WE ARE FREE!
YEAH. NO POINT HIDING IN THE CASTLE, IF THE BAD GUYS ARE JUST GONNA ATTACK US THERE.
BROOKLYN?
SORRY, ANGELA. CAN'T CELEBRATE YET--

"-- NOT WITH THAILOG STILL OUT THERE..."
I ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT.
--AND WHAT I WANT NOW, SHARI...
... IS A BEDTIME STORY.
LIKE... "ONCE UPON A TIME"?
EXACTLY.
I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK...

THE STORY IS TOLD-- THOUGH WHO CAN SAY IF IT BE TRUE--
"-- OF FOUR TRAVELERS SENT AROUND THE WORLD ON A SERIES OF QUESTS..."
I WONDER WHERE AVALON HAS SENT US THIS TIME?
AND I WONDER WHY?
WE'LL KNOW SOON. THE MIST IS CLEARING.
MIST? TRY STEAM!
.. IT'S HOTTER THAN THE RAIN FOREST HERE!
KLANK
I THINK WE'VE ARRIVED.
YEAH... WELL...

... I THINK WE'RE SOUP!
ELISA, WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!
A... LAUNDRY ROOM?
BRONX HAS THE RIGHT IDEA. LET'S GET OUT OF THIS POT BEFORE WE BOIL!
WE HAD BETTER REMOVE THE SKIFF AS WELL.
HARUMPH
WHOA. ENJOY THE HEAT WHILE YOU CAN!!
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D CARE TO SKIP THIS ADVENTURE... ?
SEE IF AVALON NEEDS US IN HAWAII... ?

I DIDN'T THINK SO.
GOLIATH, WE HAVE COMPANY.
GRRRR
YETI!!
<YETI IN THE SANCTUARY!!>
<SUMMON THE ARCHERS! QUICKLY!!>
DOESN'T SEEM TOO HAPPY TO SEE US.
HUMANS RARELY ARE.
I BELIEVE IT IS TIME TO DEPART!!
THWOK
THWOK
WHOOM
THWOK

THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE!!>
STOP THIS FOOLISHNESS!!>
SANGPO, YOU ARE NEW TO OUR ORDER...>
.. BUT I TAUGHT YOU ARCHERY AS A TOOL FOR MEDITATION AND CONCENTRATION-->
<--NOT AN EXCUSE FOR VIOLENCE.>
BUT MASTER DAWA... THE YETI!!>
THE YETI OF LEGEND HAVE NEVER BEEN OUR ENEMIES...>
.. NOR HAVE THEY EVER HAD WINGS.>
THEN WHAT SORT OF MONSTERS ARE THEY?>
OH, SANGPO, I STILL HAVE MUCH TO TEACH YOU.>
AS FOR YOUR FELLOW ACOLYTES... THEIR SOULS ARE FORTUNATE-->
<--THAT THEIR BODIES ARE SUCH LOUSY SHOTS.>

G-G-GOLIATH. I'M S-SORRY. BUT THE WIND...
HOLD TIGHT, ELISA. WE WILL FIND YOU SHELTER.
GOLIATH, THIS WAY!!
SHELTER.
YES. BUT WE MUST BUILD A FIRE FOR ELISA.
I'M FINE. I'LL BE FINE.
BRONX! STOP! WAIT!!
GRRRRRRR
RRR--
ROWF
ROWRF

BRONX!
JALAPEÑA, I CAN'T SEE A THING!
THAT TORCH?! DOES SOMEONE LIVE HERE?
RARF
ROWF
RARR
RR
BOOSHHH

WOMP
RARRRR
AOR
AR

COLDSTONE?!!
GOLIATH?

BROTHER!!
SORRY TO INTRUDE...
.. BUT I RUN A TEACHING MONASTERY.
<AHEM>
<NOW, DO THESE LOOK LIKE YETI TO YOU?>
"INTRODUCTIONS CAME QUICKLY. EXPLANATIONS WOULD TAKE LONGER."
I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH YOUR FRIEND--
-- TO HELP HIM CONTROL HIS INNER DEMONS...
.. A ROOKERY DAUGHTER...
ANGELA, WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

I THOUGHT THE GARGOYLE RACE WAS ALL BUT EXTINCT?
OUR CLAN'S EGGS WERE RESCUED.
.. HATCHED AND RAISED ON THE MYSTIC ISLE OF AVALON.
<WHAT ARE THEY SAYING, MASTER? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!>
<LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART, SANGPO...>
<.. IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, I'LL TRANSLATE LATER.>
BUT HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
AVALON'S BEEN SENDING US ALL OVER THE WORLD...
.. THIS IS JUST ONE OF THE STOPS.
BUT EACH DESTINATION CONCEALED A PURPOSE--
-- NOW THE PURPOSE FOR COMING HERE STANDS REVEALED...

.. WE'VE BEEN SENT TO REUNITE THE CLAN!
YES, YOU MUST COME WITH US!
WE'LL TAKE YOU TO AVALON TO MEET GABRIEL!!
ANGELA...
I KNOW I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TALK THIS WAY...
.. I KNOW GARGOYLE CHILDREN BELONG TO THE ENTIRE CLAN--
-- BUT LOOK AT HIM, GOLIATH!
IT'S OBVIOUS GABRIEL IS HIS BIOLOGICAL SON!!
"BIOLOGICAL"... ?
.. SON?

I CANNOT GO WITH YOU!
BUT--
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?!!
YOU CALL ME BROTHER, GOLIATH, BUT WE KNOW BETTER!
I AM NO GARGOYLE! I AM COLD-STONE!
A REVIVIFIED CORPSE--
--COBBLED TOGETHER FROM THE REMAINS OF THREE DEAD GARGOYLES!
ONE OF THEM UNSPEAKABLY EVIL!
SO YOU WANT ME TO COME WITH YOU...

.. I'D LIKE THAT!
GOLIATH, HE'S SWITCHED! THE EVIL ONE'S IN CONTROL!
GRRR
SUBDUE HIM! WE CAN STILL SAVE MY BROTHER!
<WHAT'S GOING ON?! I THOUGHT THEY WERE FRIENDS!!>
<FRIENDS SACRIFICE FOR EACH OTHER...>
<WATCH AND LEARN.>
ROARRRR

ZZZZZT
ZAK
ZAK
ZAK

KRUCH
WE HAVE TO GET YOU CLEAR--
THEY ARE THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES...
.. WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
>HHHNN<

I WONDER IF IN THIS CENTURY...
.. HUMAN NECKS MAKE THE SAME NOISE WHEN THEY SNAP?
ELISA!
I'VE GOT HIM, GOLIATH!!
BRING HIM DOWN!!

BY ALL MEANS...
.. BRING ME DOWN--
--IF YOU CAN.

<MASTER, I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS CONFLICT...>
<.. I SENSE NO EVIL HERE... ON EITHER SIDE.>
<YOU MAY NOT UNDERSTAND...>
<.. BUT YOU ARE FINALLY STARTING TO LEARN.>
I'M SORRY IT CAME TO THIS.
THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT ME BEHIND.
I HAD TO MAKE THEM BELIEVE THE EVIL ONE HAD TAKEN CONTROL...
.. BECAUSE HE COULD - AT ANY TIME.
I DARED NOT RISK THEIR SAFETY... THE CLAN'S...
.. OR MY CHILDRENS'...

"THE TRAVELLER'S AWOKE, UPON A BEAUTIFUL LAKE IN SHAMBAHLA..."
.. A STORY FOR ANOTHER NIGHT.
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
AVALON SENDS MY FATHER TO REDEEM MY UNCLE--
--AND GOLIATH FAILED. PRICELESS!
ARE YOU SO SURE THEY FAILED?

WHY?! WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!
ONLY THAT SEEDS WERE SOWN THAT NIGHT...
.. SEEDS WHICH HAVE YET TO BEAR FRUIT.
WHAT SEEDS?! WHAT FRUIT?!
HMMM...
".. IT SEEMS THAT'S A STORY FOR ANOTHER NIGHT AS WELL..."
CARAB

YOU RANG?
"YES, A STORY FOR ANOTHER NIGHT INDEED..."

Etched In Stone...

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Six issues, three complete stories, half of the GARGOYLES: Clan-Building arc complete. That's got to be some kind of milestone, right? Thanks to our guest penciler Gordon Purcell and all our regular rogues (David, Dustin, Greg and Stephanie) for their contributions on this special flashback story – a story that will have major ramifications in the issues to come. But to business:

- Had a great time at this year's The Gathering of the Gargoyles, our annual convention, which was held this past June 2007 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Thanks to Nikki Owens and her amazing staff for throwing a great party. For those of you who missed it, you missed a great time and the opportunity to scoop your fellow Gargoyles fans by learning (in dramatic fashion) the contents of issue #5 before the issue hit the comic shops. And preparations are already underway for the 2008 Gathering in Chicago. Check out www.gatheringofthegargoyles.com and start planning now!

- Stop by Ask Greg (www.s8.org/gargoyles/askgreg), where I answer questions about Gargoyles and about the industry, including my current gig as Supervising Producer of the new animated series The Spectacular Spider-Man, premiering in 2008. You can post comments and questions about the Gargoyles comic book there as well – and maybe see them reprinted right here at Etched in Stone!

- Gargoyles, Season One and Gargoyles, Season Two, Volume One are both currently available on DVD. Due to so-so sales, Buena Vista Home Entertainment (i.e. Disney) has not yet scheduled Season Two, Volume Two. (There are links to purchase both DVD sets from Amazon at ASK GREG, and note: I don't make a cent off 'em.) Whether you've bought them yet or not, please help us SPREAD THE WORD!

- Keep your eye out for the December release of our first trade paperback, collecting the first half of the Clan-Building saga, i.e. issues #1-6. For further updates, alerts and alarms, check out Ask Greg, www.CreatureComics.com or www.slavelabor.com.

Now, a couple comments on issue #5 ("Clan-Building, Chapter Five: Bash"). [Note: I've edited for space and done some minor proofing.]

Todd Jensen writes...
This isn't a question, but a comment. One thing that I liked in the two most recent issues of the Gargoyles comic book and in [the television episode] "Eye of the Beholder" was that, when Goliath attends the Halloween parties in those stories, while the other gargoyles and Elisa are wearing costumes, he wasn't (or, rather, he was letting his "gargoyleness" be his costume). I thought that that was particularly appropriate, since... I think that it would have jarred to have Goliath "dress up" at those events. He has a certain natural dignity and majesty about himself that would have (in my opinion) been compromised had he worn a costume as well. Thanks (to both you and the artists) for leaving him as he was at those events.

Greg responds...
I agree completely.

The Imperfect writes...
I've just finished reading my copy of Issue #5, and I simply had to send a comment. I wanted to say first off that I thought Karine and Stephanie did a fantastic job with the artwork! ...I felt like I wasn't just reading a story, I was actually watching it move between the still frames of the comic. Large and small details alike all just seemed to fall perfectly into place. The expressions were great, and the action shots picked the perfect moments and angles to capture. Nothing seemed off. Excellent work, ladies! I hope to see more of it in the future... Also, Greg, thanks so much for new Gargoyles stories! It's great to see all our favorite characters (by which I mean to say, it's great to see every single character that shows up at all). I can't wait to see what new twist Thailog and Sevarius are going to be brewing up this time, or what the Illuminati are planning for their thirty-sixes. It was also really great to see Goliath and Elisa have their moment this issue, and Brooklyn's sardonic comic relief right after was priceless. It's just one of many reasons why we love him. Looking forward to issues 6 and beyond. A round of additional thanks to everyone else involved.

Next issue: What's a gargoyle to do when Xanatos is on the job for the Illuminati; Coldsteel's in town; Thailog's breaking in new assistants, and Macbeth needs a favor? Well, what else can you do except... ROAD TRIP!!!! As Goliath and Elisa attempt to repair their relationship, the rest of the clan contemplates a change of scene. But how far should they go to save a slab of stone? And why is Fox buying new shoes? Find out in "CLAN-BUILDING, Chapter 7: The Rock" written by yours truly, with art and cover by our regular team of Hedgecock, Evans, Guler and Lostimolo!

BUT FIRST... mount a Nightwatch for the October launch of our spin-off bi-monthly black & white six issue limited series GARGOYLES: BAD GUYS. "REDEMPTION, Chapter 1: Strangers" is by myself and Karine Charlebois, with a cool Matrix cover by Guler and Lostimolo. Now between Gargoyles and Gargoyles: Bad Guys, we've got at least one Gargoyles Universe comic book on the shelf every month!

Sleep well,

Greg Weisman
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